

Gorbachev meets Abe

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Friday received Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe, who is visiting Moscow to reopen talks on a peace treaty that would formally end World War II hostilities. Mr. Abe, the Japanese foreign minister from Tokyo to come to Moscow in more than eight years, earlier had talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze. The official news agency TASS reported the two meetings but did not immediately give details. Japan and the Soviet Union agreed to resume treaty talks after a break of more than 10 years during an ice-breaking visit which Mr. Shevardnadze made to Tokyo in January. The Japanese have refused to sign a treaty until the Soviet Union returns four Kuril islands which it occupied at the end of the war. But Moscow has declared the islands inviolable Soviet territory and began installing military facilities on them in the late 1970s after Japan signed a peace treaty with China.

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Siad Barre said to be 'fine'

BAHRAIN (R) — Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre, flown to Saudi Arabia after he was injured in a car crash last Friday, is in "excellent condition" and making a good recovery, a Somali official said Friday.

Israelis destroy 2 Arab homes

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israeli troops have blown up the homes of two Palestinians in the occupied West Bank suspected of killing a hitchhiking Israeli soldier last year, an army spokesman said. The Palestinians, whose houses in the village of Deir Balut were destroyed, are among six people awaiting trial for alleged involvement in the death of soldier David Manos in November.

Bail set for Israeli general in U.S.

NEW YORK (R) — A U.S. magistrate has set bail of \$750,000 for a retired Israeli general implicated in a plot to sell U.S. arms to Iran. Brigadier General Avraham Bar-Am, 52, was among five men deported to the United States from Bermuda on Wednesday. They have been charged with others with plotting to sell an estimated \$2.1 billion worth of weapons to Iran in violation of U.S. arms embargo.

Weinberger invites Sokolov to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger has invited Soviet Defense Minister Sergei Sokolov to visit the United States for talks aimed at building "a more stable relationship." Mr. Weinberger's invitation, delivered through diplomatic channels, has yet to produce a response. Pentagon spokesman Robert Sims said Friday, Mr. Weinberger disclosed his decision to invite Marshal Sokolov to the United States to congressional leaders in a letter dated April 23.

Bomb blasts kill 26 in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (AP) — Two bomb blasts killed 26 people Friday, including 18 soldiers riding in a convoy in the troubled Trincomalee district. The explosions went off in a cold storage and bottling plant in central Colombo and near the village of Palappapur, about 260 kilometers northeast of the capital, police and security sources said. Nine people from the bottling plant and 15 soldiers were listed in serious condition, the sources said (See story on page 8).

France not to supply nuclear plant to Israel

KUWAIT (AP) — A Kuwaiti newspaper in a dispatch from Paris said on Friday that France has dropped plans to sell nuclear reactors to Israel because it failed to obtain Israeli commitments not to destroy an Iraqi reactor. Citing what it described as reliable French sources, the independent newspaper Al Qabas said France-Israeli negotiations on the proposed reactors have been suspended.

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Klibi consults King Hassan on summit

Iraq agrees to Syrian conditions, UAE daily says

RABAT (R) — Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi left Rabat on Friday after meeting King Hassan Thursday night as part of new moves to convene an Arab summit.

The Moroccan news agency MAP gave no details of the talks at the royal palace. Mr. Klibi said on arrival on Thursday he would discuss with the authorities here plans to hold an Arab foreign ministers meeting in Morocco.

Mr. Klibi said the ministerial meeting, which would draft an agenda and pick a date and place for the summit, would be held after Ramadan, which ends in Morocco on June 9.

Diplomatic sources said Mr. Klibi had proposed June 23 for the ministers' meeting.

A previous attempt to convene an extraordinary summit, following the April 15 U.S. air raids on Libya, failed when foreign ministers meeting in the Moroccan city of Fez could not agree on an agenda.

In continuing media reports over moves towards a summit, the Abu Dhabi daily Al Itihad said on Friday that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has accepted Syrian conditions for a resumption of ties broken in October 1980.

Quoting informed sources in Damascus, Al Itihad said Syria had demanded revival of a joint front against Israel with Iraq and Jordan and resurrection of a 1978 Syrian-Iraqi cooperation agreement.

Talk of a possible rapprochement between Iraq and Syria was sparked by recent visits to Baghdad and Damascus by His Majesty King Hussein.

But Iraqi Vice-President Tariq Aziz has said it was premature to draw conclusions from recent developments.

Al Itihad said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had expressed his readiness to reconcile with Damascus on the basis of the Syrian position.

The 1978 agreement calls for joint action in commercial, political and military field between the two countries, which are run by rival wings of the Baath Socialist Party.

An Iranian newspaper said on Thursday that Iran's close ties with Syria will not be affected by growing contacts between Damascus and Amman, but Syria's "progressive role" in the Middle East could be undermined if it moved closer to Iraq.

The daily Resalat said "Iran and Syria have joint position and fundamental cooperation against reactionaries of the region and American threats. This will not tangibly change with a (Syrian president) Hafez Al Assad visit to Jordan or one by King Hussein to Syria," it said in a commentary.

"But any Syrian rapprochement with Jordan which would lead to one with Iraq could seriously threaten Syria's progressive role in the Middle East," it added.

Another Iranian daily said efforts by King Hussein to bring Damascus and Baghdad closer together are aimed at driving a wedge between Iran and Syria.

Syrian strategy, the daily Kayhan contended in a commentary, was influenced by the financial help of wealthy Arab countries. Gulf Arab states were prepared to foot the bill for a Syrian change of strategy "if it encouraged Iranian leaders to accept a peaceful solution to the war with Iraq," it said.

Kayhan said Syrian leaders had recently told Saudi Arabia that good relations between Damascus and Tehran were primarily in Arab interests, "and this can mean that under certain circumstances Syria can use its influence in Tehran in favour of moderate Arab circles."

But if the Arab states failed to persuade Syria to mediate in the Gulf war, the paper said, they would opt for a middle solution: "Reopening of the Iraq oil pipeline through Syria to the Mediterranean," which the Syrians closed in 1982.

The current Amman-Baghdad and Amman-Damascus exchanges show that the road to reopening of the pipeline is being paved," the Kayhan commentary said.

Confusion clouds reported U.S. plans to revive Mideast diplomacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan's administration has set out to address reports that Secretary of State George P. Shultz may be ready to embark on a new diplomatic venture to the Middle East.

But conflicting statements from the White House and the State Department on Thursday left the situation unclear. And there was no additional word from Mr. Shultz, who was attending a NATO meeting in Halifax, Canada, on how he felt about resuming what for him has been an unpleasant and difficult role.

The confusion stemmed from a fresh round of media reports that Mr. Shultz was giving consideration to a trip to the Middle East next month. He already is planning to go to the Philippines to meet with South-East Asian foreign ministers and could add Israel and several Arab countries to his itinerary.

That's what Mr. Shultz did in 1983 when he went to Asia, and again last year after attending

talks with U.S. allies in West Germany and Portugal. The trips did not break the Arab-Israeli deadlock, compounding the frustration left by the collapse of an agreement negotiated by the secretary of state between Israel and Lebanon.

"We understood he did not want to commit himself again unless there was some hope," an experienced Middle Eastern diplomat, who spoke freely under conditions of anonymity, said Thursday. "We do not expect him to go to the Middle East soon."

At the White House, however, Deputy Press Secretary Edward P. Djerejian told reporters: "There are plans for a possible visit by the secretary of state to the Middle East."

Asked whether a visit would be geared towards boosting the flagging Middle East peace effort, Djerejian said the administration was "not at a point to characterize the overall objectives of that trip at this point."

Djerejian, queried whether the

trip would take place in June, replied: "It's under consideration... it's in the planning stage."

But a few hours later, at the State Department, deputy spokesman Charles E. Redman gave a different account of where the situation stood.

"The secretary has made no decision regarding a trip to the Middle East," he said in response to questions.

Reminded that department officials last week said Mr. Shultz had no plans to visit the Middle East and that Djerejian had just said planning was under way — Redman said "there's no decision" and "to me that means the same thing" as no plans.

Mr. Shultz, arriving Wednesday in Halifax, gave an ambiguous response when questioned about the travel report.

"We are always ready to push the peace process along," he said. "On the other hand, you can't force events that aren't there. If

Moscow seen as boosting support for Damascus

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — The Soviet Union, uneasy over U.S. mutterings against Syria, seems determined not to let Syria become a target of the kind of U.S. military action launched against Libya last month, diplomats said.

Washington officials, including President Ronald Reagan, have hinted a Libya-type "reprisal" would not be ruled out if there were hard proof that Syria aided "international terrorism."

Israel has also been warning Syria against harbouring "terrorists."

The Kremlin has said any attack on Syria would have "incalculable consequences" and its stance was underlined by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in talks with Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam, who returned to Damascus Thursday night.

Mr. Khaddam was accompanied in Moscow by Syrian Army Chief of Staff Major-General Hikmat Shehawi. Their visit coincided with one by Libyan number two Abdul Salam Jalloud (See page 2).

threats" from the United States and Israel, Moscow was considering an increase in defensive military aid to Damascus in line with their 1980 cooperation and friendship treaty.

The Soviet Union has been Syria's sole arms supplier since the 1950s. It already has about 500 Soviet-made combat aircraft, more than 4,000 tanks, and large numbers of anti-aircraft missiles.

Details of the friendship treaty, valid for 20 years, are secret, but diplomatic sources say it commits Moscow to supplying all Syria's arms requirements according to Soviet assessments of what types and quantities of weapons are needed.

Syrian newspapers said Mr. Khaddam and Gen. Shehawi went straight into a meeting with President Hafez Al Assad Thursday night to brief him on the Moscow talks, officially reported here as "arousing Syria's full satisfaction."

They said Mr. Khaddam delivered a message to Mr. Assad from Mr. Gorbachev and Soviet-Syrian views were "identical on all topics under discussion."

Kohl cleared of suspicion of perjury

BONN (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl was cleared on Friday in the second of two separate legal investigations into allegations that he lied to parliamentary enquiries into illicit political party donations.

The Bonn state prosecutors' office said in a statement that a three-month investigation had yielded no evidence to support the allegations.

The decision came 10 days after state prosecutors in Koblenz cleared Dr. Kohl of similar perjury allegations.

The investigations were the first to be conducted against an incumbent chancellor and had contributed to a slump in Dr. Kohl's popularity ahead of state elections in two weeks' time in Lower Saxony and national elections next January.

They were based on allegations lodged against the Christian Democratic (CDU) chancellor by lawyer Otto Schily, a prominent member of the radical Greens Party.



KING ATTENDS PRAYERS: His Majesty King Hussein on Friday attends prayers at the University of Jordan Mosque. The day's sermon was delivered by Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat. Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Muhammad Mhailan and a number of senior officials (Petra photo)

Amal-Palestinian battles heat up; toll rises to 33 dead, 222 injured

BEIRUT (AP) — Shiite Amal militiamen and Palestinian fighters battled with tanks and mortars at Beirut's refugee camps on Friday and police said the casualty toll rose to 33 killed and 222 wounded.

A land mine exploded in a jeep of the Israeli-allied South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia near the town of Jezzine, killing SLA Chief Sergeant Nabil Yousef and wounding two soldiers, reporters said from the scene.

The Voice of Hope radio station of the SLA said the mine went off at 10 a.m. as Sgt. Yousef and his patrolmen drove along a road west of Jezzine, which is 26 kilometres north of the border with Israel.

In Beirut, police said two persons were killed and seven wounded in a day-long clashes between Palestinians and irregulars of Justice Minister Nabih Berr's mainstream Amal militia.

This raised the overall casualty toll to 33 killed and 222 wounded from both sides since the current round of the one-year-old intermittent war for control of the

camps broke out May 19. Amal, which is backed by Syria, says it is trying to prevent the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) from regaining the Lebanon power base it lost in Israel's 1982 invasion.

Amal spokesman charge the PLO has been smuggling weapons into west Beirut's shantytowns of Sahra, Shatilla and Bourj Al Barajneh for a comeback bid.

Amal militiamen pounded the Bourj Al Barajneh shantytown with Syrian-supplied T-54 tank cannons and 120-kilometre mortars to dislodge fighters from newly captured high-rise apartment buildings overlooking the main highway to Beirut's international airport.

Sustained mortar barrages also rained on the Sbatilla camp from Amal positions on the fringes of the sprawling camp.

Palestinians fired rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns.

A guerrilla spokesman, who requested anonymity, said the Palestinians plan no breakout

from their camps. "We took the high buildings because Amal had used them as sniping nests against the camps. We do not have plans to expand the confrontation," the spokesman said.

The mine explosion near Jezzine, the second attack against the SLA in as many days, signals an escalation of guerrilla warfare against the pro-Israeli militia in volatile South Lebanon.

Police said SLA gunners pounded the villages of Jarjou, Arab, Salim and Kfar Rouman with U.S.-made howitzers shortly after the mine blast, inflicting considerable material damage but no casualties.

It was near Kfar Rouman, 12 kilometres north of the Israeli frontier, that the bodies of five SLA militiamen were found by Israeli troops on Thursday.

Amal said in a communiqué its fighters killed the five SLA men in an ambush near Kfar Rouman at

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Novosti chief casts doubt on Reagan-Gorbachev summit

BONN (Agencies) — The head of the Soviet news agency Novosti said on Friday he was sceptical about a U.S.-Soviet summit meeting taking place this year if Washington maintains its current nuclear arms policy.

Valentin Falin, general director of the number two Soviet government news agency, also said the United States was purposely blocking attempts to negotiate a nuclear disarmament treaty.

Mr. Falin spoke to a news conference at the Soviet embassy in Bonn. He was in the West German capital to attend the meetings of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, in nearby Cologne.

"The United States wants to block everything that affects its freedom and own interests, which

they, in their opinion, consider correct," Mr. Falin said.

In referring to U.S. plans to scrap the SALT II agreement, Mr. Falin said: "The United States is not trying to bring (the East and West) closer together, they are trying to drive both sides further apart."

"If the United States continues its restrictive attitude to disarmament, I am not sure the summit will take place," Mr. Falin said.

Mr. Falin criticised what he called the American rejection of negotiations on a nuclear test ban.

He also made clear Moscow was not ready to respond to U.S. demands that it change its conduct under the SALT agreement and halt alleged violations if it wanted to preserve the accord.

130 Chernobyl victims discharged from hospital

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet doctor said on Friday that nearly half of the 299 people hospitalised in the Chernobyl nuclear disaster have been discharged.

U.S. bone marrow specialist Dr. Richard Gale, who has helped treat disaster victims in Moscow, meanwhile, planned a trip to Kiev to check on other victims and to work out a programme to care for them "for the rest of their lives."

Dr. Gale said in a telephone interview late Thursday that 23 people had died as a result of the disaster. He said about 55 patients in Moscow who were exposed to radiation in a serious condition, with 14 of them critical.

"We expect to see a few more, but not many more fatalities," he said.

Dr. Angelina Guskova, chief radiologist at Moscow's No. 6 hospital, where many victims of the April 26 disaster have been treated, told the official news agency TASS that 130 of the 299

people hospitalised have been discharged.

Dr. Guskova said that at least two women were among the patients who were hospitalised after the accident. While Dr. Gale said Thursday that at least one woman had died, Dr. Guskova said exposure in the disaster had shown that the female anatomy combats the effects of radiation... better than the male.

Meanwhile, Radio Moscow reported early Friday that the "intact reactors" of the four-reactor power station 130 kilometres north of Kiev will be back on line by the end of the year.

Earlier reports said the No. 1 and No. 2 reactors would be restarted this year, but made no reference to plans for the No. 3 reactor, also said to be undamaged but housed in a building adjacent to the ruined No. 4 block.

National newspapers continued to focus Friday on humanitarian aid being offered by Soviets.

Reagan's message assails Soviets

COLOGNE, West Germany (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan charged in a message on Friday that the Soviet Union has failed to comply with major arms control agreements and has refused to respond positively to U.S. arms limitation proposals. Earlier, Valentin Falin, the head of the Soviet government's Novosti news agency, said at a news conference in nearby Bonn that the U.S. nuclear arms stance had dimmed prospects for an American-Soviet summit this year (See story below). In the message to the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Mr. Reagan appealed to the Soviets to join the United States in "practical measures" to reduce nuclear arsenals and "build confidence" and trust. "Building trust based on openness and honesty is essential for the safety of the world, as the recent tragic events in Chernobyl underline," the president said in a reference to the April 26 nuclear power station accident in the Soviet Union.

'Jordan's priority is liberation of occupied territories'

AMMAN (J.T.) — In an interview broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has reaffirmed that Jordan's aim in the struggle against Israeli aggression is to liberate the occupied territories and restore respect for human dignity in all the states of the region through the implementation of relevant U.N. resolutions and the achievement of a cooperative formula between Jordanians and Palestinians.

Prince Hassan praised British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who visited Israel last week, for her political will in speaking forthrightly to Israelis on the need to focus on the Palestinian dilemma and to search for a way to begin negotiations towards ending the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Asked about the role of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in any future Middle East talks, the Crown Prince stated that it was not up to Jordan to qualify or disqualify one party or another but that the PLO had in effect disqualified itself from direct talks with Britain late last year by refusing to accept U.N. Resolution 242. He added that if the PLO were willing to specifically accept Resolution 242 they would once again be an active player in the search for a political solution to the Middle East problem.

The Crown Prince also said that the United States' and increasingly European focus on the issue of terrorism was hindering the peace process by diverting attention from the causes and roots of terrorism. He pointed out that the continuing failure to reach a political solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict only hastened the coming of a fanatical religious confrontation between the forces of Jewish extremism and Islamic fundamentalism, a development which threatens to "reduce the Middle East to a zone of everlasting confrontation."

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NATO takes up Soviet call for disarmament

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (R) — NATO foreign ministers on Friday took up Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's challenge for disarmament in Europe, setting up a new body to propose ambitious new steps in conventional arms control.

In a special statement due to be issued at the end of a two-day meeting here and made available to Reuters, the 16 NATO foreign ministers said a senior working group would build on current Western proposals for troop cuts in Central Europe and confidence-building measures to reduce the risk of war.

The document said NATO would take account of Mr. Gorbachev's April 18 statement spelling out Soviet readiness for reductions in non-nuclear forces. The working group would report in October, before an expected major East-West foreign ministers' conference in Vienna in November, officials said.

U.S. stand on SALT-II

At the Halifax meeting U.S. officials appeared to be telling America's allies that the SALT-II treaty, a symbol of superpower restraint in the nuclear arms race since 1979, may be doomed by the end of the year.

Secretary of State George Shultz told the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) foreign ministers that the expired, unratified treaty was increasingly obsolete and a new arms control framework was needed.

The European and Canadian

Moscow assails NATO move

In Moscow, meanwhile, the Soviet government on Friday denounced an Atlantic alliance decision to approve U.S. production of new chemical weapons and said NATO should back its statements in favour of chemical disarmament with practical steps.

"NATO's chemical disarmament programme in Europe, which is oversaturated with deadly weapons of every type and variety as it is, is fraught with especially pernicious consequences," a government statement said.

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Papandreou: Palestinian attacks are not terrorism

ATHENS (R) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou said Friday that attacks carried out by Palestinians did not constitute terrorism and called for an international conference to define guerrilla violence.

In a reference to U.S. strikes on Libya, he told parliament that for him terrorism meant attempts by one country to destabilise another. In this category he put U.S. involvement in Nicaragua and Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

"Violence connected with national or liberation struggles is not terrorism," Mr. Papandreou said during a debate on guerrilla violence. "Terrorism is... the destabilisation of the political status quo of one country by another."

"We propose an international conference to define terrorism and agree measures to combat it once and for all," he added.

Mr. Papandreou, who received Syrian President Hafez al-Assad in Athens earlier this week despite Western claims that Damascus supports "terrorism," told parliament he totally rejected the idea of compiling lists of states alleged to sponsor violence.

"Who are we or anyone else to say that this or that country supports terrorism?" he asked. "It just serves the interests of one big country and if you sign the list you stop having your own foreign policy."

Mr. Papandreou last month refused to implement a European Community decision to limit the activities of Libyan diplomats on its soil because he said he did not have proof that Tripoli was behind violent acts.

Mr. Papandreou said that since there was no internationally accepted definition of terrorism, one had to differentiate between violence in war, violence connected with national struggles and self-determination, and state violence.

He said it was necessary to determine which of these acts were criminal and therefore terrorist and which were political and therefore not terrorist.

The Greek leader accused the United States of trying to impose its own law and conception of terrorism on other countries by trying to bring before American courts people involved in crimes ar-



Andreas Papandreou

rested outside the United States. He said the United States was assigning itself the task of world policing against terrorism, which was a dangerous sign.

Conservative opposition leader Constantine Mitsotakis accused Mr. Papandreou of making Greece a "haven for international terrorists." Mr. Assad's visit had taken place at the wrong time, he said.

Jalloud ends visit to Moscow

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi's deputy, Abdul Salam Jalloud, left Moscow Friday after a visit which included talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Defence Minister Sergei Sokolov.

The Soviet news agency TASS said Maj. Jalloud was seen off at the airport by Marshal Sokolov and Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov.

Maj. Jalloud arrived last Monday on a trip which coincided with a visit by Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam.

Arab sources and Western diplomats said the two main topics of the visits were the Gulf war and what the official Soviet media have depicted as a possible U.S. or Israeli attack on Syria or Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) bases.

Maj. Jalloud and Mr. Khaddam both received pledges of continued support from Mr. Gorbachev. Syria has been bound to the Soviet Union by a friendship treaty since 1980, but Moscow has held back from signing a similar accord with Libya.

Khaddam departs

Mr. Khaddam left the Soviet Union on Thursday after apparently securing further military aid from the Kremlin following what Soviet officials have called U.S. and Israeli threats against Moscow's Arab ally.

TASS said Mr. Khaddam, who arrived Tuesday, was seen off at the airport by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Neither Radio Moscow nor TASS reports on Maj. Jalloud's meetings here made clear whether new armshipments to Libya have been agreed to.

Maj. Jalloud met Wednesday with Mr. Ryzhkov and Marshal Sokolov, a day after being received in the Kremlin by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. Few details of those meetings were disclosed in reports by TASS.

Mr. Ryzhkov and Maj. Jalloud discussed "further steps to strengthen the defence capabilities of Libya in conditions of continuing military pressure by American militaristic circles," Radio Moscow said.

TASS on Wednesday night reported that a Kremlin dinner was held in honour of Mr. Khaddam during which President Andrei Gromyko "declared that in keeping with the Syrian-Soviet treaty of 1980, the Soviet Union's help to Syria, including assistance with developing its national economy and strengthening its defence capability, has been given and will continue to be given."

A TASS report on a meeting between Mr. Khaddam and Mr. Gorbachev said the two discussed increased military assistance "in view of the escalating threats from U.S. imperialism and Israel against Syria."

Specific terms of arms agreements are never reported publicly by the Soviets, although Syria and Libya reportedly receive military aid from the Kremlin.

Shamir denies ordering killing of two Palestinian captives in Gaza

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir has denied that as prime minister he ordered the killing of two Arab commandos captured in a 1984 bus hijacking but refused to disclose his role in the incident.

"It is not true, but I cannot go into details," he said Thursday in response to the allegations by an unidentified senior minister quoted on state television.

Asked on television whether he was involved in a cover-up, Shamir said: "I can only say I carried out my duties as prime minister and acted within the framework of my post."

As Israel's leader, Shamir was responsible for internal security at the time the bus was hijacked to Gaza. The military at first said all four gunmen had been killed when troops stormed the bus but newspaper photographs showed two were left alive.

Official inquiries found they were later beaten to death. Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir this week ordered police to investigate the role in the affair of Avraham Shalom, chief of the Shin Bet internal security service.

The move touched off a political furore and was opposed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres and other cabinet members on grounds it will threaten national security.

Peres, who was in the Labour Party opposition in 1984, said that after taking office he had not received any information about the hijacking.

He told state radio that he rejected an offer by Shalom to resign after the controversy erupted on Sunday.

"I will not ask him to do so. It is

my moral responsibility to stand behind a man sent by the nation to protect the lives of its citizens and against whom nothing has been proven," Peres said.

Shamir, who takes over from Peres as prime minister in October, said the controversy was damaging Shin Bet, an organisation whose activities are a state secret.

Zamir told a lawyers' convention the controversy had got out of hand.

"It has led to personal accusations that are despicable lies which have nothing to do with the matter and solve nothing," he said.

Zamir has called the decision to prosecute Shalom the hardest ever made by an Israeli attorney-general and said he had come under heavy pressure to shelve the investigation.

U.N. official ends Beirut talks on UNIFIL

BEIRUT (R) — A senior United Nations official has left for talks in Israel after discussing U.N. peacekeeping in South Lebanon with President Amin Gemayel, official sources said.

U.N. Undersecretary-General Marrack Goulding also discussed the peacekeeping U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) with Prime Minister Rashid Karami and Shi'ite Muslim militia leader Nabih Berri during his 24-hour visit.

The Security Council on April 18 approved a three month extension of UNIFIL's eight-year-old mandate and asked the U.N. Secretary General to report in June on the forces' operations.

Italy extends crackdown to prominent Libyans

ROME (AP) — Italy has extended a crackdown on Libyans living here to influential businessmen including the head of the Rome office of the state-run airline and an official of the Libyan company that holds a large chunk of Italian auto-giant FIAT.

Rome police spokesman Riccardo Infelisi said Friday that expulsion orders had been signed for 28 Libyans designated as "undesirable," although 16 of that number had already left the country by the time the order came down Thursday.

"They apparently had an idea that the order was coming," he said of the departed Libyans. The other 12 have been told to leave by June 1 or risk arrest, he added.

Infelisi refused to elaborate on why authorities deemed them "undesirable." He said he could

not comment on whether any of them were tied with ongoing anti-terrorism investigations.

Italy has been clamping down on suspect Libyan activities since the European Community (EC) agreed last month to go along with a U.S.-led campaign against alleged Libyan-sponsored international guerrilla violence and reduce the number of Libyan representatives.

Twenty Libyan diplomats and other embassy personnel have been ordered to leave Italy, the latest being Arab Mohammed Shubani, 35, of the Rome embassy, on Thursday. Libya expelled 25 Italian diplomats and staff on May 12.

Relations have deteriorated sharply between Italy and Libya since the April 15 U.S. bombing raids on Libya.

PLO official predicts Palestinian talks in June

BUDAPEST (R) — A senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official Friday predicted a meeting of Palestinian resistance groups in Algiers next month.

Salah Khalaf, a Central Committee member of the PLO's Fateh group and top adviser to PLO chief Yasser Arafat, said it was up to Syria and Libya whether all the groups, some rivals, would attend such a meeting called by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid in April.

Earlier this month Mr. Khalaf, also known by his nom de guerre Abu Iyad, said in Tunis that five Palestinian factions, including two opposed to Arafat, had agreed to attend the proposed reconciliation conference in Algiers.

"If Syria and Libya give the green light to (Palestinian) org-

anisations under their influence and pressures, then the Algiers meeting will include all groups. If not then all the independent groups not subject to the will of Libya and Syria will go," he said.

Mr. Khalaf, was speaking to reporters here during an East European tour. He came from Bucharest and was travelling to Prague after meeting Hungarian Foreign Ministry and Communist Party officials.

He was highly critical of Syria, suggesting it blackmailed Palestinian groups in Damascus.

"They need a base, Syria knows that and exploits it," he said.

Mr. Khalaf condemned recent contacts between Israel and Egypt on the fate of the Gaza Strip, as "an attempt to exploit the Palestinian situation."

Security Council extends Golan force's mandate

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council has voted unanimously and without debate to extend the life of the 12-year-old U.N. military observer force on the Syrian Golan Heights for another six months.

The new mandate for the four-nation, 1,325-man U.N. Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), runs to Nov. 30.

Both Syria and Israel agreed to renewal of the mandate without calling attention to recent heightened tensions between the two countries over construction of new Syrian tank emplacements in southern Lebanon.

After the 15-0 vote, Council President James V. Ghebo of Ghana read a statement endorsing that part of Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's latest

UNDOF report that stated:

"Despite the present quiet in the Israel-Syrian sector, the situation in the Middle East as a whole continues to be potentially dangerous and is likely to remain so, unless and until a comprehensive settlement covering all aspects of the Middle East problem can be reached."

UNDOF was established in May, 1974, as part of a disengagement agreement worked out between Israel and Syria by the then-U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Israel occupied the strategic heights from Syria in 1967, and it was the scene of renewed fighting during the 1973 Middle East war.

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the northern edge of Israel's self-designated "security zone."

The Israeli command had reported the discovery of the bodies without elaboration. Israel Radio said an abandoned SLA jeep was found nearby.

The "security zone" was established when Israel pulled out the bulk of its occupation army last June.

In another Lebanon development Friday, police said two civilians were killed and nine other people were wounded including army officers as rival militia men traded gunfire and rocket barrages across Beirut's dividing green line.

The hostilities forced a four-hour closure of the main crossings between the city's mainly western and predominantly Christian eastern sectors.

In another incident, Norwegian peacekeepers of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) clashed with a squad of commandos using snipers to carry arms and explosives into the U.N.-controlled area. U.N. sources said in Tel Aviv.

The sources said the incident occurred on Tuesday when a Norwegian patrol spotted a suspicious car heading north out of the U.N. zone near Chebaa in the foothills of Mount Hermon, 14 kilometres northeast of the Israeli border.

The patrol opened fire after the occupants of the vehicle refused to obey orders to halt, causing it to crash into a ravine about 100 metres from the U.N. soldiers. At the same time a group of 15 fighters started shooting at the Norwegians from a nearby hillside.

The Norwegians called for reinforcements but the fighters escaped northwards out of the UNIFIL zone. According to the U.N. sources, the occupants of the car, one of the apparently wounded, also escaped.

Later, U.N. soldiers searched the area. At the site of the car crash they found rifles, hand grenades, Katyusha rockets and video recorders. On the hillside, where the 15-man squad had opened fire, they found three loaded Katyusha rocket launchers.

Confusion clouds U.S. plans

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Other officials said there appeared to be no reason for Mr. Shultz to visit the region at the moment, particularly as His Majesty King Hussein was due to visit Washington on June 9 for talks with President Reagan.

They added that State Department legal adviser Abraham Sofaer was on his way back to Washington without having resolved completely the long-running Tabat dispute between Egypt and Israel.

Mr. Sofaer has been acting as mediator in a dispute that is holding up the return of the Egyptian ambassador to Israel.

Washington sees good relations between the two former enemies as the key to peace and the Tabat dispute is damaging that hope.

The officials said Mr. Sofaer had made progress towards a resolution of the dispute, but that he had not managed to produce a final agreement.

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In another development, the State Department confirmed on Thursday that it understood that Ethiopian Jews were being settled in the occupied Arab territories. The statement came in response to a written question by reporters. Following were the question and answer:

Question: Does the United States have any information that the Israelis are settling some of the Ethiopian Jews — the Falashas — in the West Bank? And also, was there an understanding with the United States that there would be no such settlement of the Falashas in the occupied territories?

Answer: We understand that some Ethiopian Jewish refugee families have been placed in settlements in the occupied territories. We have raised our opposition to such settlement activity, prior to their movement to the territories and subsequently, within the context of our long-standing policy toward any settlement activity with both governmental and non-governmental Israeli agencies involved. We are confident that our views are well understood on this issue.

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Labour offices to compile data on foreign workers

AMMAN (Petra) — Employment offices and inspectors responsible for foreign workers in Jordan have been supplied with new forms to be filled out by their offices and these forms will give full details about non-Jordanian workers in the country and the labour market in the Kingdom.

The forms were distributed and new instructions were given to these offices at a meeting held under the chairmanship of Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan who said that the new regulations are in line with amendments recently introduced to the Jordanian Labour Law. These regulations cover the amount of fees which non-Jordanian workers pay, fines

for violations and terms for employment.

The minister and the employment officers discussed these regulations and directives and Mr. Haj Hassan requested that they be heeded in all procedures. He said that the government aims at controlling the labour market in Jordan and securing the Jordanian citizens' rights and interests.

According to the minister, the new amendments will provide both the offices and the officers with full legal protection in the course of discharging their duty. He said that all the information collected about the labour market in the country will soon be stored in the ministry's computer system.

Mufti urges Muslims to follow Islamic code in graveyards

AMMAN (J.T.) — The general Mufti of Jordan Sheikh Izzeddin Al Khatib Thursday called on all Muslims, Muslim scholars and intellectuals to launch awareness campaigns aimed at eradicating the practice of visiting graves during Islamic feasts because he said that the manner in which many visits are made are not in accordance with Islamic teachings.

In an interview with the Arabic daily newspaper Al Dussour, Sheikh Khatib said that men visiting the graves of their relatives is in line with the deeds of the Prophet Muhammad (Sunna) which authorities such visits if they are conducted with the intention of learning lessons from the visit and be cited one of the sayings of the Prophet Muhammad: "Visit the graves because they remind you of death."

However, he went on to say that it has come to notice that many visits are not made within the teachings of Islam as some women visiting graves do not show due respect for the sanctity of gra-

veyards. Many women are improperly dressed, some half naked, and thereby attract the attention of visitors which make the purpose of the visit invalid, the Mufti continued.

Sheikh Khatib stressed that women visiting graves is not favoured in Islam but he said it is permitted for old women who can also attend prayers at the mosque. If women visit graveyards to renew their grief and to cry and weep, then it is prohibited, but if their visit is aimed at remembering death then it can be made, although it is not favoured by Islam, he said.

For these reasons, Sheikh Khatib said that it is not proper to visit graves during Islamic feasts because the atmosphere in graveyards is not in keeping with the tenets of the Islamic faith. He also said that people should be more aware about the importance of abiding by Islamic teachings when visiting graves and that this could be done through guidance.

Police continue investigations into murder of Arab-Americans in Philadelphia

AMMAN (J.T.) — As U.S. police continue their investigations into the murder of Dr. and Mrs. Ismail Al Faruqi who were killed in their Philadelphia home on Tuesday, the U.S. embassy in Amman issued a statement to the Jordan Times saying that according to information they have received, police are inclined to believe that the murder was a burglary, not a political crime as has been reported in the local media.

The public affairs officer at the American Centre in Amman, Mr. John Wilcox, quoted police as saying that there have been a series of late night burglaries in the Faruqi's area over the past two weeks and that there is no evidence at this time to suggest this heinous crime was politically motivated.

An AP dispatch from Wynote, Pennsylvania, Thursday quoted the district coroner as saying the stabbing of the Islamic scholar and his wife were the work of a killer "filled with hate and rage" but police said they had not discarded the idea of a botched burglary.

"We don't know which way it is," said Detective William Smith, one of two dozen investigators studying the deaths of Dr. Faruqi, a Temple University religion professor, and his American-born wife, Lois, who taught part-time at

Temple. They were killed with a long, serrated knife, in their suburban Philadelphia home on Tuesday. Their 27-year-old pregnant daughter was stabbed six times and has been hospitalized.

Dr. Theodore Garcia, Montgomery County coroner, said the autopsies and an examination of the couple's home showed the assailant went in and slashed these people and walked out. "It was absolutely an assassination by a killer filled with hate and rage. No-one hacks away with a jungle-type knife so deliberately, intent on killing, and then leaves, taking nothing," Dr. Garcia said.

Police say Mrs. Faruqi was the first victim, coming downstairs when she heard noise and meeting the attacker.

The Al Faruqi's daughter, Mrs. Annmar Al Zein, who was visiting, confronted the attacker when she heard her mother's screams and was chased through the house, waking up the professor, police said.

Mrs. Zein, who is two months pregnant, required 200 stitches in her chest and arms. Dr. Garcia said. She was reported in fair condition in a hospital.

Police have released a description of the killer supplied by the injured daughter and plan to



Ismail Al Faruqi

circulate a drawing this weekend. He was described as a black man in his 30s.

Dr. Hafez Malik, a political science professor at Villanova University and a long-time friend, said Dr. Faruqi, an outspoken supporter of Palestinian rights, had mentioned past threats on his life but police said they had no knowledge of them.

Dr. Faruqi's associates at Temple, where he had taught since 1968 and was director of Islamic studies, insisted he was not active in Middle East politics. Dr. Faruqi, born in Jaffa, was the first governor of the Galilee before the United Nations created Israel in 1948.

JD 450,000 to be spent on restoring tombs of Prophets companions

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government has allocated JD 450,000 to be spent in 1986 on restoration work on the tombs of the Prophet Muhammad's companions. Minister of Awaqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Khayyat announced in a newspaper interview published Friday.

He said that the allocation was made upon directives from His Majesty King Hussein who instructed the government to restore these sites in view of the importance of the companions in Islamic history.

Restoring one of the tombs, that of Abi Ubeida Amer Ibn Al Jarrah in the Jordan Valley, involves building a mosque, an Islamic centre and a resthouse landscaping gardens near the tomb, the minister was quoted as saying. He said that the cabinet has set up a committee, which groups four min-

isters and three engineers from Jordan and Arab states, to supervise the project.

Zakat fund

In the same interview with the Al Dussour Arabic newspaper daily, the minister said that his ministry has prepared plans to make compulsory the payment of Zakat (alms) by all Muslim people for the benefit of the poor. He said that Awaqaf funds are being invested in economic projects such as constructing buildings to be rented to public businesses, developing agricultural land and promoting tourism.

The minister said that the prime minister has allocated JD 500,000 for restoring the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem which has sustained some damage.

Government okays JPMC takeover bid for JFIC

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government has approved procedures for the merger of the Jordan Fertiliser Industry Company (JFIC) with the Jordan Phosphates Mines Company (JPMC) with the latter buying all the JFIC assets and taking responsibility for its operations, the JPMC announced Thursday.

The announcement was made by JPMC's board member Wasaf Azar, who is also the company's director general.

He said that the government, which is keen on maintaining the fertiliser industry as one of the basic elements in the national economy and also on protecting the rights of the shareholders of the JFIC, has approved the merger.

In the process, the JPMC will be shouldering a commitment of JD 60 million which includes the assets and the losses of the JFIC and will also offer compensation to the JFIC's shareholders in accordance with a cabinet decision. According to this decision, he said, the JPMC will be the sole owner of the JFIC, after the shareholders have been compensated.

According to Mr. Azar, the JFIC has sustained cumulative losses over the years due to a drop in world fertiliser prices.

He said that cumulative losses sustained by the JFIC by the end of 1985 amounted to JD 39.62

million. The company sustained a loss of JD 6.4 million in the first quarter of 1986 alone and last month's loss amounts to JD 1.6 million, Mr. Azar continued.

He went on to say that by the end of September this year, the company is expected to lose all of its capital and will be shouldering commitments totalling JD 110 million.

The final report about the company's operations revealed that it sold nearly 85,000 tonnes of fertilisers to India, China, Italy, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Australia, France and Malaysia during 1985. It also said that the company's total assets were JD 123,239,367 at the end of last year and the total loss incurred in 1985 amounted to JD 21,001,624.

According to Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily newspaper, a total of 67 Jordanian companies made profits totalling JD 65,227,891 and 19 sustained losses totalling JD 12,169,499 during 1985. These are among 128 companies registered with the Amman Financial Market (AFM) during the past year, the report continued.

The report also said that 51 of those companies making profits distributed dividends to shareholders amounting to JD 28,172,280. It also said that the Arab Bank registered the highest profit of JD 28,915,072.

9 candidates to run for vacant Irbid seat

By Rana Sahbagh
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

Irbid — A total of nine candidates have filed nominations for the June 20 by-elections for a vacant Irbid seat in the Lower House of Parliament as the nomination period drew to an end at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.

The nine candidates vying for the vacant Irbid seat in the Lower House of Parliament are: Mr. Naim Al-Jarrah (50, lawyer), Mr. Hafez Malik (45, political science professor), Mr. Ibrahim Al-Jarrah (45, political science professor), Mr. Rihab Al-Jarrah (45, political science professor), Mr. Hisham Shubul (45, political science professor), Mr. Yusef Al-Alawneh (45, political science professor), Mr. Anwar Al-Jarrah (45, political science professor), Mr. Hisham Al-Jarrah (45, political science professor), and Mr. Hisham Al-Jarrah (45, political science professor).

The government's candidates will be given a 14-day period to present their platforms as the polling booth will remain open from June 1 to June 14.

Khalid Al-Jarrah, announced by Irbid Governor Muhammad Ali Al-Jarrah on June 20 and the new Irbid Deputy will be in the Lower House in June when Parliament will convene after summer recess.

Mr. Al-Jarrah said that the majority of the candidates are running their campaigns on agricultural policies and ways to upgrade the sector's situation.

The government, with Irbid as the third largest city in Jordan, is

often referred to as the "north's bride," and enjoys fertile rain-fed land, according to agricultural experts.

But on many occasions, the governor's farmers were unable to meet their financial liabilities since their output and profits depended on the amount of rain-fall. Some of the farmers have voiced their dissatisfaction over the situation and have called on the government to assist them in re-scheduling their debts.

Other farmers contended that their counterparts in the Kingdom's middle and southern Ghor area are getting more government support, be it in terms of marketing facilities, subsidies, agricultural consultancy and development policies.

The nine contestants are busy in behind-the-scenes consultations and holding public rallies to draw as much support as possible, for their election campaigns.

Only two of the seven candidates who were contacted by phone by the Jordan Times on Friday were not available for comment on their programme.

Dr. Nuseir, Mr. Ajjouni, Mr. Ubaidat, Dr. Shubul and Mr. Ghazawi were either visiting parts of the governorate's villages or holding Iftar banquets for their friends and associates to gather support, Mr. Alawneh and Mr.

Mikdadi could not be reached over the phone since they live in deserted areas of the governorate.

Mr. Hisham Shubul and Mr. Jaradat told the Jordan Times that their programmes give priorities to the agricultural sector in the governorate.

Mr. Shubul, who was former director of the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) activities in the governorate, has drafted a socio-economic and political programme.

His seven-point programme gives priorities to the following: — To serve his country out from his "firm belief in loyalty to the throne and the deep sense of belonging."

— To strengthen and deepen the existing links and ties between the East and West Banks of Jordan since these links are "imposed on us by our joint destiny and are reinforced by the difficult situation facing Jordan."

— To stick to Islam, and its teachings which are the only way to lead the nation in the right path. — To correct all phenomena in the society which need to be adjusted such as adherence to virtue, nobility of manners and avoiding bad deeds, which could all be achieved.

— To secure more government support to the youth and their respective sports and cultural clubs since they are the country's future, and giving more support for women's education, profession and responsibilities.

— To solve all problems impeding farmers in the governorate in marketing their products or making profits on equal terms with farmers of other regions, and to reschedule their agricultural debts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New envoy to Ireland named

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's new ambassador to the Republic of Ireland will be Mr. Nabih Al Nimer, who is also the ambassador to Great Britain. An announcement said that Mr. Nimer has gone to Dublin to present his credentials and to meet with a number of government officials in the Irish Republic.

Elderly man dies in car accident

TAFILEH (J.T.) — One person died and five others were injured when the car in which they were travelling overturned near Hasa in southern Jordan, Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily newspaper reported Friday. The driver, Jamil Al Shawabkeh, and four others were injured while one passenger, 62-year-old Hamad Sa'ad, was killed in the accident.

Ports Corporation issues bulletin

AQABA (Petra) — The total amount of phosphate exported via Aqaba last year amounted to 481,013 tonnes and the total amounts of imported goods arriving at the port in April 1986 was 670,993 tonnes, according to a statistical bulletin issued by the Ports Corporation. The bulletin also said a total of 99,592 passengers travelled by boat between Aqaba and Nuweibeh during April.

Centre organises course for housewives

AMMAN (Petra) — The community centre at Haman in Amman will open a training course on population issues on Saturday. A total of 35 women, all housewives, will be taking part in the course which will orient them on economic and social concepts related to population and the role of women in social development in Jordan. The course is being organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and Social Development and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements.

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Friday's

Al Ra'i: Far-sighted remarks

IN A television interview marked with total frankness, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan spoke about the Palestine question and its importance for Jordan. He said that Jordan's main concern is to achieve the liberation of the occupied Arab lands through the implementation of the United Nations resolutions, and he reiterated that Jordan would continue to support the PLO within the Jordanian-Palestinian accord, and noted that resumption of a dialogue with the PLO can take place only when the latter recognises U.N. resolutions.

Prince Hassan also warned that the region will be facing more extremism and terrorism if the Palestine question remains unresolved and said that the root causes of terrorism should be removed first so that peace and security can prevail. He said Jordan is still committed to supporting the PLO within the Amman accord and will do all it can to help bring about a just and durable settlement to the conflict in the region.

Peace based on justice can end all forms of terrorism, and the international community is bound to help the people of this region to live in peace.

Al Dustour: Positive Arab response needed

KING Hussein and the Arab League secretary general both have been exerting serious efforts in recent days to convene and Arab summit. The King has been trying hard to remove differences among Arab states and the Arab League secretary general has been making contacts for holding an Arab foreign ministers' conference in June to pave the way for the summit. King Hussein's efforts in particular have been given prominence in the Arab press which paid tribute to his sincere efforts to bring Iraq and Syria together and end inter-Arab differences.

King Hussein has realised that the key to the summit is a reconciliation among Arab countries and their leaders, particularly between Damascus and Baghdad. All previous attempts to hold a summit have failed because of persistent differences between these two capitals. We appreciate King Hussein's endeavours and welcome any positive response by Arab countries to the Arab League's call for a foreign ministers' conference in Morocco next month. We hope that such meetings will finally re-institute joint Arab action.

Sawt Al Shaab: Jordan's priority

JORDAN feels that the end of occupation in the Arab territories is the first priority for achieving peace in the region because this means a liberation of Arab land and safeguarding the Arab identity and dignity. This was clearly pointed out in Prince Hassan's television interview with the BBC. He said Jordan, which has had a long and bitter experience with the consequences of occupation, strives hard to achieve peace. Jordan, he said, is therefore committed to work hand in hand with the Palestinians and all Arabs to save the land and to preserve Arab dignity and interests. In his interview, Prince Hassan said the Palestinians have to put their house in order and should work towards finding a solution to end occupation. The Palestinians should be involved with the Jordanians and the Syrians and other Arabs in an international conference for peace. Prince Hassan warned that any freezing of the Palestine problem would lead to further violence and the disintegration of countries into mini-states with catastrophic consequences for peace.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: One family and one nation

THE Governorate of Mafrq had an appointment with the nation's leader on Wednesday who paid an inspection visit to it to enquire after the affairs of his people. The visit and the meeting manifested the true love between King Hussein and his people and reflected the monarch's desire to remain committed towards serving his nation.

The Mafrq meeting was another link in the long chain of contacts between the ruler and the people and a translation of the mutual confidence between them and a determination on the part of both sides for pursuing the march towards prosperity and progress.

This meeting, like the ones before, is bound to further bolster ties between the two sides and enhance cohesion among the united Jordanian family behind its leader. King Hussein's keenness on meeting with his people in every part of Jordan is an expression of his desire to maintain his strong links with the citizens of Jordan who are his family and his nation.

Al Dustour: Terrorism right in the U.S.

ONLY A few miles from Washington, which is now involved in a crusade against terrorism, an Arab-American scholar was assassinated, only because he was calling for the establishment of justice, right and peace. Dr. Ismail Al Farouqi was killed, like Alex Odeh, another Arab American, without a voice being heard in the American capital denouncing either murder, or any finger rising to question this brutal action.

We are pained to see Dr. Farouqi killed, but we are more depressed to see the American criteria of principles reversed and distorted to an extreme whenever anything has to do with the Arabs and their affairs in the Arab countries or in the United States. Those Arabs living in America, although they are full citizens, are denied full rights like the others, and it seems that no one questions any harm done to them. The United States, which has taken upon itself, the task of fighting terrorism, is witnessing terrorist actions being committed on its territory against Arab-Americans but still it fails to do anything to deal with the situation, and instead sends its gunboats to attack other countries accused of terrorist acts.

Prince Hassan: Our priority is to liberate the occupied territories, restore human dignity

The following is the text of an interview conducted by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The interview was broadcast Wednesday night by the BBC and carried by Jordan Television on Thursday evening.

Question: Your Royal Highness, Mrs. Thatcher says the PLO should no longer be considered the sole representative of the Palestinian people in any Middle East talks. Does Jordan share that view?

Answer: The fact that Mrs. Thatcher is focusing on the Palestinian representation is a continuation of her interest in initiating a dialogue with the Palestinians, and if you recall the PLO disqualified itself from such direct talks last year in London when they were expected to enter into discussions with the British foreign secretary. Their position at that time of course was that they were not yet ready to accept U.N. Resolution 242.

I think that my reading of what ever available press coverage, if that is true, is one of her not disqualifying totally the PLO, but effectively saying what I have just said... they themselves have disqualified themselves; therefore we have to focus on the Palestinians per say which means the people in the occupied territories and the principal constituency of the Palestinians there.

Q: But can Jordan itself take part in that search, and does Jordan think the time has come to say the PLO, for reasons you have given, cannot represent the Palestinian people, we must find other Palestinians to do that job?

A: The context to the Jordanian-Palestinian accord, which His Majesty has clearly indicated has come to an end as a framework for our joint discussions, was one whereby we expected to play a supportive role of the PLO and as you know many different formulas have been presented (for) self-determination — the question of legitimate rights — the question of legitimate self-expression all revolve on what the Palestinians want, and the PLO statement as we saw it yesterday from Tunis refers to the fact that Mrs. Thatcher, in a brief press conference I believe, mentioned the question of a federal arrangement, and this was unacceptable to the Palestinians. But what we have made clear is that if we speak about self-determination, then effectively it is a question of the Palestinians choosing the formula of cooperation between Jordan and the Arab identity in the occupied territories. In that sense, determination leads to the confederal arrangement if, in the context of an international conference the PLO, are still ready to specify their acceptance of U.N. Resolution 242, then they would be once again be an active player in the political context.

Q: So I think it is too early at this stage to say that we disqualify any one from such a process on quality anyone else.

Q: Is there in fact any active play in this process, or do you believe that the negotiations of the kind Mrs. Thatcher was looking at or looking towards are unrealistic in the actuality of the Middle East politics?

A: The key point is that Mrs. Thatcher has the political will to come out clearly and say to all parties that it is not a question of whether we try but how we try, clearly she has expressed the desire to keep the trust of all parties for which we admire her and indeed we admire the fact that she can speak so forthrightly in Israel on these points and focus on the Palestinian dilemma. But in terms of movement we hope that this initiative could be a prelude to joint action, possibly in the European context, then possibly in the Anglo-American context as well.

Q: Do you expect to be negotiating or does His Majesty expect to be negotiating with Yasser Arafat of the PLO in the near future?

A: We have made it quite clear the fact that the PLO does not mean what it says and until it means what it says in terms of acceptance of United Nations resolutions we simply cannot proceed.

Q: But at the same time you are not ready to look beyond the PLO to other Palestinian representatives. Is that your position?

A: We have never vied for a position in representing the Palestinians and we have left the choice of their representation to the Palestinian people themselves. As you know, the meeting with the prominent Palestinians that Mrs. Thatcher held was one where most of the representatives expressed their views on the PLO. One of them abstained, and effectively the abstention was because there was no reference to Jordan as such. So, I think what we have to focus on, as Mr. Thatcher rightly pointed out, is the building up of that political middle ground — the voice of the Palestinians in the occupied territories.

Q: Do you in fact think that the proposal for elections for West Bank mayor, will be a starter?

A: This (was) proposed by the representatives and we feel that if these elections have been held some time ago that the complexion of Palestinian representation would have been far more of confidence. As you know the tragic assassination of one of the mayors in recent months I think has caused any patriotic and centrist leadership to feel quite insecure.

Q: Now as King Hussein has been having talks with President Assad of Syria to a certain extent recently, do that in any way indicate that Jordan is moving away... Jordan is becoming part of a rejectionist camp rather than the camp that is in dialogue?

A: The Syrian position that follows U.N. will and the U.N. conference has not been one of the exclusion of that conference at all and we feel that we meet at that ultimate end, whereby this vehicle takes over as it were the question of pushing the peace process forward so our discussions with the Syrians. I think are consensual on that point. The problem of course is that the PLO is not prepared to come forward to make it clear that it would accept U.N. Resolution 242 in the context of the conference.



Prince Hassan

Q: Is there any thinking which Jordan can do to make, let us say, life easier for Israel's Mr. Peres, because after all, Mr. Shamir as Israeli prime minister is likely to be even less amenable to the sort of negotiations you might like as Mr. Peres is.

A: We are not a factor in domestic Israeli politics and we have no indication that the present formula of the government of national unity is going to change at all, and as far as we are concerned our only hope is that whichever incumbent will have the will and the political courage to go out on a limb if and when the context is right to say that Israel can once again become

part of the region and can contribute in cooperative efforts to develop the region which is one of the themes of Mrs. Thatcher's visit and Mr. Peres' remarks.

Q: Thus far the prevalence of the strategic Israel concept and the special relationship with the U.S., particularly on the question of terrorism, has dominated the thinking of the American right wing and by extension the Israeli right wing.

Q: Do you feel actions on concentration on terrorism have made the search for a balanced Middle East settlement more difficult?

A: I think that the question of violence of all extremes is squeezing as centrism whether in Israel or the Arab World, and definitely it has made it more difficult and more vulnerable and this is why the emphasis by Mrs. Thatcher's not on bilateral relations with each individual party but with all the parties is such a valuable and refreshing asset.

Q: His Majesty has very often called on the United States to play more active role in the Middle East and to be aware of the need for a settlement in the Middle East. Does he and Jordan now feel that the United States has even less apparently interested in getting a settlement, which would be fair to all sides?

A: There seems to be an interest on global issues on terrorism and I think that the emphasis on terrorism has even affected Europe to a very large extent and we hope that this can not, in the wake of the Tokyo meeting, continue to focus on terrorism without understanding the causes and the roots and we feel that Mrs. Thatcher, who came to Israel in the wake of that meeting, was a party to the wider talks there and in a sense I think carries a sense of urgency in trying to bring the terrorism issue back into the wider regional context and away from bilateral relations.

Q: How would you describe the people... what the costs are they being paid by not having a settlement of the Palestinian question in the Middle East?

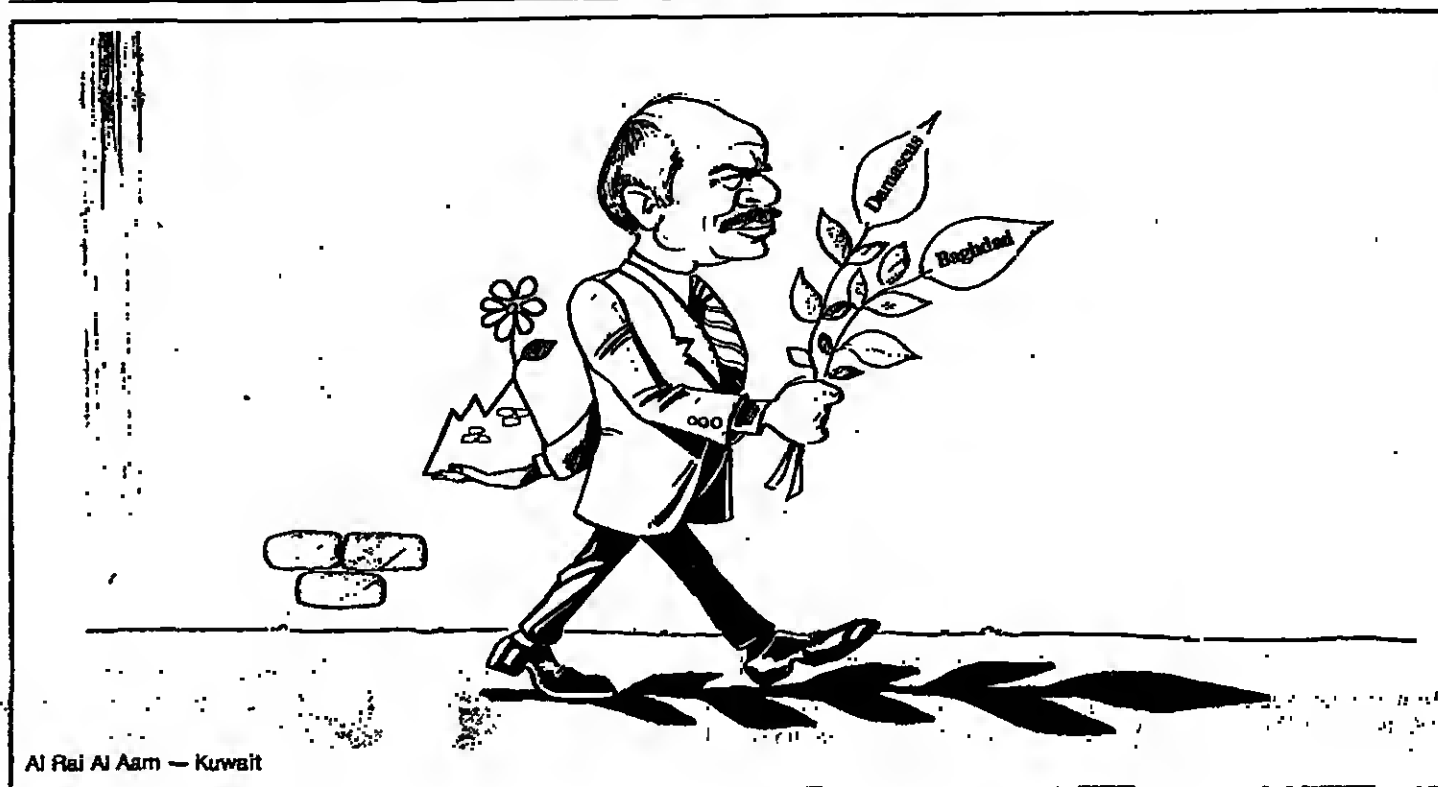
A: The fanaticism and the religious confrontation to which we are gradually moving as opposed to the political confrontation with which we have lived all our lives, I think it is going to be characteristic of next phase where the extremism of the extreme Jewish right on the one side, or of the Islamic fanatic right or indeed for that matter the development of the Christian right wing literary list school, particularly in the United States today, and that fragmentation of the whole area into a mosaic of minorities lacking the will to share the vision of peace and regional stabilities obviously is going to be an invitation to exploitation by the superpowers and will reduce the Middle East to a zone of everlasting confrontation.

Q: So in your thoughts you are not looking forward or expecting to see any kind of Jordanian-Palestinian federation in the near future.

A: The term was "confederation", and as far as we are concerned we certainly hope to be able to see Jordan and the Palestinians working as terra media — the middle ground between Israel on the one side and the potential of the Arab World but to stabilise that middle ground, to focus on the principle constituency of Palestinians as Mrs. Thatcher rightly pointed out, is our principal aim today. Our concern is not so much for speaking to a cause but giving substance to that cause and that cause for us is quite clear — the liberation of occupied territories, the respect for human dignity through U.N. resolutions and the achievement of a cooperative formula between all states in the region.

Q: Your Highness, thank you very much indeed.

A: Thank you.



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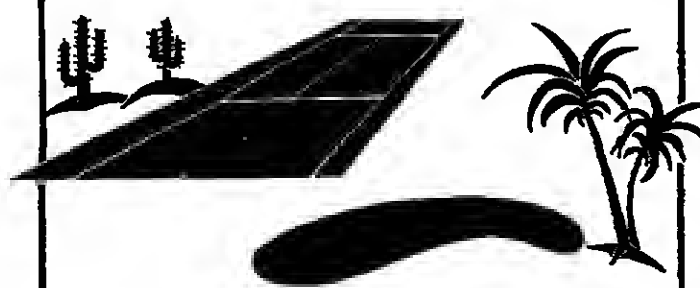
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Channel Two Preview

Cops and jokers versus football fiesta

By J.H. Boteler

Standard viewing

WE should start by establishing some ground rules:

- (1). The News At Ten will be transmitted at 9.45.
- (2). The times, and days, of several established programmes have been altered.
- (3). All World Cup matches which start at 8:50 (local time) will be screened on Channel Two. All those starting at 00:50, on Channel One.
- (4). Footiephiles are in for a treat.
- (5). Footiephobes are in bad trouble. Trips abroad will provide no solace (except in the case of the Polar ice-cap). Potholing is advised.
- (6). Take heart. There is life after football, and indeed before; for instance:

Comedies

Believe it or not, but they're back! Yes, David, Amy, Linda and Robert return in a third series of *Duty Free* (tonight). At least, David certainly does. The poor old soul is still out-of-work and down-in-the-dumps, and decides on a winter holiday. Also considering a "get-away-from-it-all" holiday are Dad and daughter in *Me And My Girl*, (tomorrow, Sunday); but will they be able to manage it? Monday gives a rousing send-off for the last episode of the current series of *'Allo 'Allo* with Renee cavorting around his cafe dressed up in drag, and on Tuesday *Amanda's* comes up with a dead guest and a very fishy tale indeed. Finally, *Home To Roost*, (Thursday), is awash with the heady scent of romance. It is not for nothing that Henry (father), is resplendent in silk shirt, tight trousers and suede shoes. (Sounds terrifying). Determined to enjoy a quiet evening for two at home, he has to revert to bribing his son Matthew exorbitant sums of money to stay away. Will his plans succeed? who is his mysterious guest? More important, you might ask, what happened to Wednesday and Friday? This is where we turn to:

Documentaries

To start with, you should note that *Ramadan In The World* is now being screened every night at 7:45 (between the News In Hebrew and the News In Arabic). Furthermore, the series of *Islamic Dialogues*, conducted by Mr. Farouk Jarrar are continuing, but are now being screened at 8:30 on Wednesday. On Friday at the same time will be shown the next episode of the series *The Scientific Legacy Of The Arab World*. This week the subject is mathematics. I must confess that for some time I have been puzzled as to why "Western" numerals, (ie: 1,2,3, etc) are referred to as "Arabic" numerals, when in the majority the respective calligraphic forms bear little or no relation to one another. It was only recently explained to me that the term "Arabic numerals" does not refer to the written shape, but to the fact that the Arabic numeric system, and in particular the innovation of the zero, freed arithmetic from the laboured and limited calculations of the Roman system. (I, II, IV, X, etc). This is only one example of the debt that we today, and countless scientists and mathematicians of the past, owe to the Arab scholars in the fields of numbers.

Feature films

NB: These, and all other programmes mentioned from now on, start at 11.00 p.m.

Tonight's movie is made-for-TV effort, called *Territorial Man*. The plot concerns Sarah, a young lady who leaves her native Philadelphia to take up a teaching post in Colorado. There she discovers that one of her young cha-

rges is an orphan who is in trouble due to his disturbed psychological state. The film concentrates on Sarah's attempts to rescue him through care and attention. Thursday's film is *Walk The Proud Land*. Made in 1956, it stars Audie Murphy, Anne Bancroft, (seen recently as Mrs. Robinson in "The Graduate"), Pat Crowley and a certain Charles Drake. (Though I will be very surprised if the last-named turns out to be the English comedian, Charlie Drake). The plot revolves around an Indian agent who persuades the army to use less violent methods against the Apaches, and finds himself ostracised by his own race.

Detectives

"The Good, The Bad And The Pricelless" is the title of tomorrow (Sunday's) episode of *The Master*. It is none other than last week's deferred (by technical reasons) episode in which the hero is blackmailed into attempting to steal the crown jewels from the Tower of London. Whether he fails or succeeds, I hope we see more of the Ninja who has sworn to kill him, I only because he has such a natty silver-bedecked face mask. The worms are fairly crawling out of the woodwork in Monday's *The Black Tower*, what with extra corpses, why was Father Baddely wearing his stole?, poison-pen letters, frayed climbing ropes, and affairs between members of the staff. This week Wilfred Anstey is reminded of his rather bizarre family history in no uncertain fashion. On Tuesday *The Equalizer* goes to the help of a man who eight years before helped convict a vicious hoodlum to jail. The hoodlum is now out and swearing revenge. Which leaves us with *Hunter*, (Friday), and his final appearance in the second part of a double-bader which started last

Drama

Bereft of any support, and moved to Wednesday, *The Brief* is the sole survivor of this category. (But then again *The World Cup* is SUPPOSED to be dramatic). As things stand at present, the motto for this series could be: "Things fall apart, the centre cannot hold, there is anarchy, is loosed upon the world." This week finds Luke and Anika in Paris and meeting up with Leah's family, but little satisfaction comes of it. For Luke himself, things go from bad to worse; while he quarrels with Anika, his marriage burtles towards the divorce courts, and his work suffers. Meanwhile, some rather disturbing suggestions are made as to Leah's past.

That's that. Except I can't let "Return To Eden" pass away without a final observation. So, Jake is dead and Stephanie has been discovered not only holding "the smoking gun," but with her "finger on the trigger." Fine and dandy, except for the fact that she did not do the deed. I think there is a moral in there somewhere.

World Cup coverage

First of all, don't ask me to tip the winner. In a competition in which most of the possible stars are staggering around half-crippled, the only consistent performance is likely to be that of the medical teams. I have a fair idea of who will NOT win it, but beyond that I will go no further than to say that I have a suspicion that the trophy will wind up "somewhere in South America." Though there is a very strong possibility that France will sweep all before them. And then of course, Denmark ... you see? Impossible. It is probably best to take it one day at a time.

Tonight

Italy v. Bulgaria. (8:50). Don't

expect this to provide any goals. To start with, the opening fixture of the tournament has produced just one goal in something like the last quarter century. Add to that the facts that Italy, in the early stages of World cups, traditionally react to sightings of the enemy goalmouth in much the same way as a rabid dog does to water, and that Bulgaria, if past appearances in this competition are anything to go by, are more interested in taking pieces of their opponents home with them than cups.

Sunday

Brazil v. Spain. (8:50). This could prove highly entertaining. Take with a pinch of salt all the doom-laden lamentations from the Brazilian camp. On the same ground where they won so gloriously in 1970, and with a travelling army of fans to spur them on, they could easily rise to the

occasion. If fit, Zico is worth at least two players, and they have a blend of youth and proven experience.

France v. Canada. (00:50). If you can stay up for it, this one should provide several goals. Though they have been experiencing some difficulty in this department of late, Les Blues should have little trouble in over-coming Canada who are, (sorry, Mother), surely the only genuine no-hopers amongst the 24 teams. France also have the best midfield line-up in the competition, which revolves around Platini.

Monday

Russia v. Hungary. (8:50). Apart from a slight worry as to the bitterness of 30 years ago manifesting itself, there is not much to go on here. Russia tend to let themselves down in this competition, but they still have Oleg Blokhin,

and a very fine goalkeeper in Dasayev. The Hungarians still have Nyilasi, and their qualifying form was very impressive.

Poland v. Morocco. (00:50). Poland, Boniek and all, consistently do very well in the World Cup, and in Dzickanowski have one of the hottest strikers in the competition. Apparently Morocco are finding goals hard to come by, but they have a very athletic goalkeeper in Ezaki Badou (one goal conceded in qualifying games) and several players who play regularly for top-flight European clubs.

Tuesday

Algeria v. Northern Ireland. (8:50). According to the experts, these two teams are among the definite no-hopers. (Sample results from Spain in 1982: Algeria 2, West Germany 1, Northern Ireland 1, Spain 0). Northern Ireland

traditionally give their all, and then some, and in Pat Jennings, 40 years old during the finals, a possible folk-hero of the competition. Algeria will be determined to go one better than 1982, when a very questionable draw between Austria and West Germany edged them out.

England v. Portugal. (00:50). Was it really 20 years ago that these two teams fought out such a stirring semi-final? Indeed it was, but now there are no Eusebios, (though Gomes and Futre are giving passable imitations), and no Charltons and Moores. Bobby Robson is there of course, but there is no guarantee that he won't fall apart during the toss-up. Certain English sports-writers, after two years of dismissing the team's hopes out-of-hand, are suddenly showing signs of radically altering their opinion. This is merely a knee-jerk reaction brought on by the noon-day sun and tequila.

Wednesday

Iraq v. Paraguay. (8:50). Though experiencing problems of late, any team that can get to Mexico by playing all its qualifying games away from home, as Iraq had to, deserves a great deal of respect. Also, their Brazilian coaching team should have set them up for the conditions. Paraguay are the least-fancied of the South American teams.

Scotland v. Denmark. (00:50). This should be a cracker. Though without Dalglish, Scotland still have the fearsome Souness, and in Nicholas and MacAvennie, a potentially lethal strike-force. As for Denmark, you can simply take your pick from Laudrup, Elkjaer, Olsen, Lerby ... the talent is staggering.

Thursday

Italy v. Argentina. (8:50). If

any team can force Italy out of its shell, Argentina is the one. They clashed in 1982, and Maradona, desperate to prove his worth on the perfect stage, will be glad that Italy no longer have the services of the quaintly-named Gentile.

Friday

Brazil v. Algeria. (8:50). If as seems likely, Algeria are to fall at this hurdle, they will doubtless do so with panache and spirit. Also, with two teams from every group qualifying for the next stage, along with the four best third-placed teams, down does not mean out.

England v. Morocco. (00:50) Just to Graefel as I am to JTV for the full and very comprehensive coverage of England's group, I be from the awful premonition that by time next week, Monterrey, enquiring about the last place I am going to want to tune into!



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Lendl advances easily while upsets continue

PARIS (AP) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendl continued his string of straight-set victories Friday, beating Argentina's Christian Miniussi 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 to advance to the fourth round of the French Open.

Also advancing was the women's no. 7 seed, American Kathy Rinaldi, with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over another U.S. player, Roz Fairbanks.

But the upsets that hit the tournament Thursday continued with the day's very first match. Italy's Laura Garrone, the world junior champion last season, beat 10th-seeded Zina Garrison of the United States 6-2, 6-2.

She is the best player I've beaten, said Garrone, 18, last year's major women's champ at the U.S. Opens. "This is my most important victory."

Garrison, ranked 12th in the world, said Garrone played steady, spectacular tennis and hit her own mistakes for the loss.

"I didn't do anything to me," said Rinaldi. "She basically hit all back, and I missed."

Lendl, the French Open champion in 1984 and a finalist last year, had a good workout against Highgate, who reached the main draw through a qualifying tournament last weekend. But the 1985 Czechoslovak game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Jordan Lendl moves into the fourth round without having lost a set or a game in more than four games in his career.

Extremist player who beat Lendl in the semifinals a year ago, Sweden's Wilander, almost had an upset Thursday, but he was out of the tournament, seeded second, needed more than four hours and lost.

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every trick in his repertoire to beat unseeded American Aaron Krickstein 6-1, 3-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 in a classic five-set match.

"A few times I felt lucky," Wilander said. "He was the one who was doing things. I was fighting harder. That's how I won."

Wilander outscored Krickstein 165-164.

"It's a tough one to lose," said the 18-year-old from Grosse Pointe, Mich., ranked no. 36 in the world.

Stefan Edberg of Sweden, the fifth seed, headed the list of big-name losers. He was beaten 6-7, 7-5, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 by another Swede, Mikael Pernfors, who had been down 1-5 in the second set before starting his comeback.

Mary Joe Fernandez, 15, defeated no. 14 Andrea Temesvari of Hungary 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

"I was thrilled," said Fernandez, who turned pro just four months ago and is ranked 50th in the world.

Mercedes Paz of Argentina beat no. 8 Manuela Maleeva 5-7, 7-6, 7-5.

And as the day neared an end, Claudio Panatta of Italy squandered six match points before beating 10th-seeded Thierry Tulasne of France 0-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Panatta's brother, Adriano, won the French Open in 1976. That more than doubled the number of seeds eliminated so far in the two-week tournament, from three to eight.

Most of seeded players — including women's no. 2 Chris Evert Lloyd and West Germany's no. 3 seeds, Boris Becker and Steffi Graf — had little trouble advancing.

Such was not the case for Wilander.

After breezing through the first set, the defending champ ran into trouble. He started hitting long, coming up short, letting Krickstein back into the match.

"I felt like at the beginning it was going to be quite easy," he said. "But he started to be more patient and I tried to hit winners and it was killing me. He was controlling the match."

At one stage, Wilander, usually the model of an on-court composure, threw his racket in disgust.

As Krickstein finished out the third set with a leaping smash, he came down hard on his left foot and grimaced.

"I was still moving ok, but not as well after that," Krickstein said. "I had so many chances and I just couldn't get that break to get a two-game lead."

Early in the fourth set came an even bigger point — one that Krickstein lost.

At 1-1 and break point, and with Wilander practically off the court after chasing a lob, Krickstein changed his mind at the last minute and launched an attempted dropshot into the net.

Wilander went on to win the game.

"That was a key point," Wilander said. "If he goes up 2-1 — who knows?"

Through the rest of the fourth set and into the fifth, the Swede and the American battled.

Iraq fights altitude, injuries

By Raf Casert
Associated Press Writer

TOLUCA, Mexico — Despite a serious setback last week, little-fancied Iraq is still eyeing a place in the second round of its maiden World Cup, team officials said Wednesday.

The Arab state, fighting a bitter war with neighboring Iran, sent its amateurs to Mexico early this month, but misfortune pursued them.

"We had big problems. Friday, I had to send Adnan Derjal Motar home — an important player who was to organize our defense," Iraqi coach Evaristo Maceda said.

The central defender suffered a thigh injury two weeks ago and was replaced at the last moment. Iraq opened its World Cup campaign against Paraguay on June 4.

Although the team arrived May 7, it is still experiencing some difficulties adjusting to the rarified air and the different flight of the ball at this, the highest World Cup venue some 2,700 metres above sea level.

Despite the loss of Motar, Maceda is determined to keep Iraq in contention. "That is the way it goes in soccer. I have no choice. I have to come up with a solution," he said.

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Italy and Bulgaria face off in opener of the 13th World Cup

By Robert Philip
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MEXICO CITY — Four years after their remarkable triumph in Spain, Italy have the honour of opening the 13th World Cup finals against Bulgaria Saturday in the fittingly spectacular Aztec Stadium.

Italy's 3-1 defeat of West Germany in the 1982 final, which followed impressive wins over Argentina, Brazil and Poland, had 81-year-old former President Sandro Pertini dancing a jig of delight beside King Juan Carlos in Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium.

But the Italian reign has been an unhappy one and the highly talented Bulgarians will pose a considerable threat in Group A, which also includes 1978 World Cup winners Argentina and South Korea.

Manager Enzo Bearzot, who converted the Italians into born-again adventurers in Spain, has kept faith with his 1982 squad despite a series of disappointing results and his line-up is likely to contain seven survivors of four years ago.

That means AC Milan's Paolo Rossi, scorer of six priceless goals in the last World Cup, will probably lead the attack despite the claims of Verona striker Giuseppe Galderisi, the man with whom he is swapping clubs next season.

Galderisi has been the more impressive in training but Bearzot looks on Rossi, who took time to adapt to the high altitude of Mexico, as a talisman and he gave a clue to his thinking when he said: "Experience will be vital, especially in the opening game."

Bearzot tends to adopt a fatherly tone whenever Rossi is mentioned and he dismissed any criticism of Italy's 1982 national hero by adding: "It's always harder for Paolo to shine... he tends to be marked tighter because he is a star."

The opening game traditionally ends in a goalless draw — Belgium's 1-0 victory over Argentina in Spain being the one exception of recent years — and both Bearzot and Bulgarian coach Ivan Vutsov would not be too disappointed if that trend continued.

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